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21. **(Twice Amended)** A web construction comprising:
a web coextensive with the web construction, wherein the web comprises two opposing sides and an indefinite length;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions.

40. **(Twice Amended)** A web construction comprising:
an elastic web coextensive with the web construction;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

41. **(Once Amended)** A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems is angled in multiple directions.

42. **(Once Amended)** A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems is angled in the same direction.

48. **(Twice Amended)** A web construction comprising:
an elastic web comprising loop structures, wherein the elastic web is coextensive with the web construction;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and

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a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the plurality of stems is adapted to lock with the loop structures of the web.